

REMARKS

Claims 47-66 are pending in the present application. Claims 47-49 and 51 have been rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Kawai US Patent No. 5,994,963 (hereinafter Kawai). All of the claims have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over various claims of copending Application Nos. 10/813,566, 10/812,853 or US Patent No. 6,549,071 in view of Vernon US Patent No. 6,188,274.

RCE

The present Amendment is being submitted with an RCE, and the corresponding government fee.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

As mentioned above, claims 47-49 and 51 have been rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Kawai. Independent claim 47 has been amended to incorporate the elements of dependent claim 50, which was not rejected based on Kawai. Independent claim 51 has been amended to incorporate the elements of dependent claim 56, which was not rejected based on Kawai. Therefore, Applicants assert that all of the prior art rejections have been overcome.

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

In response to the double patenting rejections, Terminal Disclaimers are being submitted with this Amendment. Applicants submit that the Terminal Disclaimers overcome the double patenting rejections.

IDS

An IDS is being submitted with this Amendment. In addition, an IDS was submitted on 11/1/2005, and an electronic IDS was submitted on 10/31/2005. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the 3 IDS'.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are patentable over the prior art. It is further more respectfully submitted that all other matters have been addressed and remedied and that the application is in form for allowance. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Bruce A. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney at 512-301-9900 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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